

**North Hero Selectboard Meeting**  
Monday, March 21, 2016 6:00 P.M.  
North Hero Town Office Meeting Room  
DRAFT

In Attendance: Selectboard: Andre Quintin, Ben Joseph, Evan Potvin

Town Clerk/ Treasurer: Pete Johnson  
Public Works:  
Board Clerk: Kathie Dustira

Guests:

Chad Nicols, ENCORE  
Phillip Foy, ENCORE  
Robert Greenough, Library  
Marilyn Lagrow, Library  
Mike Murdock, Fire Station

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Andre called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT

Signed and approved for payment of \$75,075.90

ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA

The agenda was adjusted to accommodate visitors. Liquor Control License request for Harborside Market was added, as well as St. Pierre's access agreement request.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- ❖ Ben motioned to accept the 03-07-2016 minutes. The motion was seconded by Evan and passed 3/0.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Ben gave a brief overview of the Solar Farm situation as it stands now. (See notes from last meeting.)

- Solar Farm Update - Chad Nicols and Phillip Foy, ENCORE walked the land by the North Hero transfer station to determine if the land would be suitable for a Solar Farm. Chad said it was a favorable site for a Solar Farm and there are a number of different projects such as Net Metering, Speed Projects (set by the State); FERPA (Federal Energy projects) all of varying sizes which could be considered. He said it could take a couple of years to get a project going. They will get back to us and let us know what our options are.
- Library – Robert Greenough and Marilyn Lagrow, Library Board, would like to repair some sill rot and paint the exterior of the library. Mad Dog paint was recommended by Bob Camp, and though expensive, is supposed to last longer than regular paint. They will get some bids on the project and get back to the Selectboard. They are also interviewing for a new librarian as Judy Poquette has stepped down, and they are thinking of cutting back hours.
- Fire Station – Mike Murdock had a discussion with South Hero fire station personnel and they recommended someone with a lot of experience with building fire stations. Mike will invite the person to the next Selectboard meeting.

Public Works:

- Roland will be available as a backup for Jim.

- Jim Cota and Jim Dubuque met. North Hero has met the cap for road grants.
- Jim Dubuque will meet with Jim Smith to straighten out some curves on Abnaki Road and cut some dead trees.
- After weighing the pros and cons of leasing, it was decided to go ahead and buy the Town truck outright in order to save money.

Town Clerk: Pete Johnson

- Pete and a number of others met and decided they'd like to go ahead and try the system *VT Alert* for the Water Department only, to see how well it works before any grand scale implementation. The system does not cost anything. The State will need the okay from the Selectboard before going ahead. There are currently 170 groups now on it, including a few Water Departments.
- ❖ Evan motioned to approve the implementation of the VT Alert system for the Water Board, and have Andre sign the approval letter. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 3/0.
- ❖ Ben motioned to approve Dominique St. Pierre's request for access over Town land at Camp Ingalls. The motion was seconded by Evan and passed 3/0.
- PBRA – A grant for \$4,500 was approved for this year.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS FOR ACTION OR DISCUSSION

- Selectboard Vacancy – Pete said there was some interest in the position, but no applications.
- ❖ Andre motioned to advertise the Selectboard position. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 3/0.
- ❖ Evan motioned to close Selectboard meeting and open Liquor Control Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 3/0.

#### LIQUOR CONTROL SESSION

- Evan motioned to grant Harborside Market 2<sup>nd</sup> Class Liquor license to sell Malt and Vinous Beverages. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 3/0.
- Evan motioned to adjourn the Liquor Board meeting and reconvene the Selectboard Meeting. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 3/0.

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### CORRESPONDENCE SHARING: DISCUSSION OR ACTION

- The Board passed various correspondences around for review.

#### AGENDA BUILDING

- Fire Station – discussion with Mike
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#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- None

#### ADJOURNMENT

- ❖ Evan motioned to adjourn the Selectboard meeting at 7:00 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ben and passed 3/0.

C: Board: Andre / Eileen / Ben / Evan

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